Socio-Economic Development

129. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the four States viz. Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar lag behind in almost all aspects of socio-economic development;

(b) if so, whether the Government have analysed the causes of their backwardness;

(c) if so, the specific plan chalked out to enhance their development; and

(d) the time by which such plans are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K.ALAGH) : (a) to (d). These four States have lagged behind in many aspects of socio-economic development because of various reasons like historically uneven development of economic and social infrastructure, lack of industrial and entrepreneurship development. However the various indicators of socio-economic development are not uniformly below National Average for the four States viz. Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. For example data on two important indicators i.e. percentage of rural population below poverty line and literacy levels is as follows :

S.No. State	Percentage of rural population below poverty line	Literacy rate (%)
1. Bihar	35.86%	38.48%
2. Himachal Pradesh	22.03%	63.86%
3. Rajasthan	7.71%	38.55%
4. Uttar Pradesh	31.79%	41.60%
National Average	28.37%	52.21%

The development of a State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The development performance of the State will be fully analysed for the formulation of the Ninth Plan. The Central Government supplement the efforts of State Governments through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) as well as by allocation of relatively larger amount of Central Assistance for backward State.

Intensified Jawahar Rojgar Yojana

130. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether funds earmarked for IJRY held up in many cases due to non-submission of utilisation certificates;

(b) if so, the name of the States whose allocation have been held up; and

(c) the allocation made and released under the scheme during 1996-97, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Intensified Jawahar Rozgar Yojana has been discontinued and merged with Employment Assurance Scheme with effect from 1.1.1996.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

World Bank Loan to Power Sector

131. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has laid down certain terms and conditions to finance the power projects coming up in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c). World Bank has been suggesting from time to time various measures to improve the working of the power sector which, inter-alia, include viability of the State Electricity Boards, commercialisation of operations of Central Public Sector Undertakings, establishment of independent regulators etc. The Government have also been concerned with these issues and have been providing assistance in this regard to the various entities involved.

[Translation]

Power Generation in Rajasthan

132. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the capacity of power plants in Rajasthan in different sectors;

(b) the details of power generated and supplied in Rajasthan at present;

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment of demand and supply of power in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;